

Because motorized vehicles are not permitted in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Superior National Forest personnel often travel by dogsled in the Wilderness during the winter months. Supplies are hauled into the Wilderness for repairing structures and replacing latrines and firegrates. Dogsleds are also used to haul garbage from illegal campsites.

The dogsled program also allows Superior National Forest personnel to conduct visitor contact and law enforcement in the Wilderness. Two people are always present on mushing excursions, with an experienced musher on every trip. The length of time in the woods varies from one to eight days.



*Forest Service personnel preparing tamarak boards for transit by dogsled.*



*Dogsled team on law enforcement patrol in the Wilderness.*



*Crossing Sucker Lake by dog sled.*



*Forest Service employees travel through the Wilderness to repair a boardwalk.*